

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 418

By Armstrong

A RESOLUTION congratulating Dominique Redding, member of the University of Tennessee Lady Volunteers 2007 National Championship team.

WHEREAS, in a spirited display of athleticism and teamwork, the University of Tennessee Lady Vols once again reign supreme, as they captured the coveted 2007 NCAA Women's Basketball Championship by soundly defeating Rutgers University, 59-46; and

WHEREAS, led by Coach Pat Summitt, the preeminent basketball coach in all of women's college basketball, the Lady Vols further etched their place in college basketball lore with the victory over the Scarlet Knights before a capacity crowd of mostly orange-clad faithful in Cleveland; and

WHEREAS, challenged by Coach Summitt in her pre-game talk to win for the throngs of faithful Lady Vol followers, the team responded in typical fashion by dominating Rutgers from the game's outset, firmly establishing Tennessee as the most successful basketball program in the history of women's intercollegiate athletics; and

WHEREAS, without the diligent work ethic and extraordinary talent of each team member, this astounding victory would not have been possible; one such team member is senior Dominique Redding of Clearwater, Florida, who plays forward; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Mary Adams and the granddaughter of Trudy Cloud, Ms. Redding graduated from Clearwater High School and is currently majoring in Sociology; and

WHEREAS, this past season marks Dominique Redding's last with UT; she finishes her career there with three starts in 130 games played, amassing 428 points, 168 rebounds, fifty-one three-point goals, and twenty-five steals; and

WHEREAS, during the 2005-2006 season, Ms. Redding attained thirty-six career three-pointers, tying her for nineteenth place in the all-time Lady Vols record book; she achieved her

career high of eleven points during the 2004-2005 season, in which she averaged 8.3 points per game; and

WHEREAS, beyond her athletic accomplishments, Ms. Redding has distinguished herself academically, earning positions on the UT Dean's List and the SEC Academic Honor Roll; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly and Lady Vol fans everywhere take great delight in honoring each member of this extraordinary group of young women who have contributed mightily to the successful legacy of University of Tennessee Women's Basketball; and

WHEREAS, Dominique Redding's determination, work ethic, and talent have not only made possible a memorable and successful basketball career, but also surely point toward her success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, Dominique Redding epitomizes the spirit of volunteerism and commitment to excellence that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Dominique Redding, forward for the University of Tennessee Lady Volunteers 2007 National Championship team, for her hard work and determined play during the 2006-2007 season and wish her every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copies.